

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Certain Stainless Steel Plate from Belgium, Canada, Italy, Korea, South Africa and Taiwan
Inv. Nos. 701-TA-376-377 and 379 and 731-TA-788-793 (Review)

On July 6, 2004, the Commission unanimously determined that it should proceed to full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5). The Commission, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, grouped these reviews because they involve the same domestic like product.¹

With regard to each of the reviews, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate. The Commission received an adequate joint response with company specific data from two domestic producers, Allegheny Ludlum Corporation and North American Stainless, and one union, United Steelworkers of America. Because the Commission received an adequate response from domestic producers accounting for a substantial percentage of U.S. production, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

In the review concerning subject imports from Belgium, the Commission received adequate responses with company-specific data from Ugine & ALZ Belgium, a Belgian producer and exporter, and its affiliated U.S. reseller of subject merchandise, Arcelor Stainless USA, on behalf of importer U&A Belgium. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing a substantial percentage of the production of subject stainless steel plate in Belgium and a substantial percentage of the exports of subject merchandise to the United States from Belgium, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from Belgium was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Certain Stainless Steel Plate from Belgium*.

In the review concerning subject imports from Korea, the Commission received an adequate response with company-specific data from POSCO, a Korean producer and exporter of subject merchandise. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing a substantial percentage of the production of subject stainless steel plate in Korea and a substantial percentage of the exports of subject merchandise to the United States from Korea, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from Korea was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Certain Stainless Steel Plate from Korea*.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning subject imports from Canada, Italy, South Africa, or Taiwan. However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct full reviews with respect to *Certain Stainless Steel Plate from Belgium and Korea*. A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission's web site (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

¹See 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)(D).